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## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON: So...Now What?

We've all planned the big event...maybe you coordinated "Dress as Your Favorite Super Hero" Day at work. Maybe it was a wedding with a DJ, decorations, and cake. Regardless of how it all went, no matter how much fun you had or whether a groomsman danced to Cotton Eye Joe on the head table, there's the inevitable let-down and dread in returning to normal.

That's pretty much D.C. this week. With the debt deal done, Appropriators realized they're going to have to get cracking on bills, the DRF is still careening toward a fiscal cliff, and the House and Senate are staring down a whopping 12 legislative days in the month of July to get everything done before the August recess.

On Tuesday, the House Appropriations Committee marked-up its first FY24 bill after an agreement was struck with rebellious GOP members to mark FY24 appropriations bills to FY 22 spending levels. Politico reported, however, that the dispute over funding levels isn't really concluded. The allocations for non-Defense spending were released, and despite returning to FY22 spending levels, that applies in the aggregate and DHS sees a 3.4% increase. This is, of course, at the expense of some other agencies getting whip-smacked with near-30% reductions. It wasn't all roses and flowers in or out of leadership meetings as one article this week couched a GOP meeting on the budget deal as "F-Bombs and Veiled Threats." Heck of a way to end a party!

The one remaining, colossal, obnoxious centerpiece of an unanswered question here is the DRF. The last public statements on the relief fund came from Deputy Administrator Erik Hooks almost a month ago before House Transportation & Infrastructure when he said the agency was reasonably sure the fund could survive to the end of August. Unofficial reports indicate July is more realistic. Between a ticking clock and those 12 precious legislative days in July, you don't have to be a wedding planner to the stars to realize the math doesn't work. Staring down immediate needs funding, rescinding unobligated funds, and slow-walking BRIC awards are likely in the future unless a concrete solution can be found before the ice sculpture melts.

### Hearings Next Week

Tuesday, June 20

3pm; House Rules

[Business Meeting on H. Res 461, Condemning the use of school facilities to shelter aliens not admitted to the United States](#)

Thursday, June 22

10am; House Homeland Security

[Growing the National Cybersecurity Talent Pipeline](#)

*More News from the Nation's Capital...*

### DHS ANNOUNCES \$290M FOR COMMUNITIES RECEIVING MIGRANTS

On Monday, DHS publish a funding notice under the new Shelter and Services Program (SSP) for more than \$290 million to 34 non-federal entities for temporary shelter and other eligible expenditures for migrants who have been processed and provisionally released from DHS custody while awaiting the outcome of their immigration proceedings. An additional \$73 million will be made available later this summer. Since passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board has allocated more than \$400 million to support communities receiving migrants across the country, including \$332.5 million announced on May 5, 2023, to 35 entities and \$75 million awarded by the National Board in December 2022. For more information on the new Shelter and Services Program, click [here](#).

### FEMA OFFERING TA WEBINAR ON DAM SAFETY

FEMA is offering a Collaborative Technical Assistance (CTA) series to help communities at risk of dam-related flooding to better understand their risk landscape and the potential consequences of dam-related emergencies. If you are interested in joining the program, please submit an application. They also provided this [recorded webinar](#) which offers an overview of the program as well as the FY24 application period. For questions, email [Michael Hemphill](#) and [Alesia Za Gara](#). [Click here](#) to view the FY24 Dam Emergencies CTA Application. The application will close on Friday, June 30.

### DHS WORKS WITH FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION ON PROTECTING HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Last week, DHS Secretary Mayorkas convened a meeting of the Faith-Based Security Advisory Council (FBSAC), reconstituted in September of 2022. At the meeting Mayorkas and Deputy Secretary Tien emphasized the Department's commitment to better supporting faith communities across the country in matters of security and preparedness. FBSAC members presented their recommendations to the entire Council on how DHS can improve information sharing, increase access to DHS grants and resources, and build trust and partnerships with faith-based organizations, leaders, and communities. During the meeting, three FBSAC subcommittees presented their draft reports to the Council on several taskings which were all unanimously adopted:

- The Information Sharing Subcommittee provided [recommendations](#) on how the Department can better help places of worship, faith communities, and faith-based organizations enhance their security and preparedness.
- The Grants and Resources Subcommittee provided [recommendations](#) on how the Department can address challenges that faith-based organizations encounter when applying for DHS grants.
- The Building Trust and Partnerships Subcommittee provided [recommendations](#) on how the Department can build trust with faith community stakeholders and empower local leaders to more effectively use DHS resources.

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